



SM bulletin

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General Administration

The council met during the week for its regular meeting.

Frs John Larsen and Paul Walsh will participate next week in respectively the European Marist Laity meeting and the World Wide Marist Laity Meeting, both in Ireland (see article beside).

Fr Juan Carlos Piña departs next week for a visit of Peru and Brazil.

Fr Ben McKenna is doing some ecology studies at the Columban center in Ireland.

Next month most of the people involved in the production and translations of the SM Bulletin will take their annual summer vacation. For this reason there will not be an issue during August. However, the essential services of the General Administration will continue and any important news will be circulated. The SM Bulletin will resume in September.

FORMATION OF FORMATORS

In August a workshop for Formators will take place in Rome, gathering confreres currently involved or expected to be involved in formation programmes of the Society. There will be 19 participants, coming from all continents. The workshop, which will be hosted at the General House, takes place from 14 to 31 August and is coordinated by Fr Larry Duffy, with the help of Frs Paul Walsh and David Sanchez.

Before the start of the workshop, a small group of participants will spend two weeks at la Neylière and Belley while visiting our Marist Places of Origin in France.

WORLD GATHERING OF MARIST LAITY IN IRELAND

In Dublin, from the 2-4 August, 22 delegates from 11 different countries will represent the World-wide Marist Laity Coordination. This is a follow-up meeting from the one in los Negrales, Spain, which gave rise to the WMLC. The delegates will reflect on a range of issues, including mission, organizational structure, commitment, formation, finance, communications and directories, with a view to build on the impetus given to Marist Laity at the 2017 General Chapter, and to consolidate the work that has been done over the past few years. Fr Paul Walsh, s.m., who has special responsibility for accompanying Marist Laity in the General Council will attend. As with the los Negrales event, this weekend meeting of world delegates is preceded by a 5-day gathering of Marist laity delegates organized by the European Marist laity Coordination. Fr John Larsen, Superior General, will address this gathering.

BLESSING OF A CENTER FOR MEDICAL CARE IN CHIAPAS, MEXICO



During the patron Saint's feast in the parish of *San Fermín* at la Independencia, Chiapas, Mexico, bishop Rodrigo Aguilar Martínez, bishop of San Cristobal de las Casas, blessed and inaugurated a center for medical care, which is attached to the parish house where our confreres live. The new built medical center hosts 2 projects: a dental care unit where the parishioners who cannot afford expensive dental care are helped by professional dentists; and a unit where women of the local community run a natural medicine and herbs laboratory. The construction of the health center was partially financed by the General Administration's Special Projects Fund.